An exhortation

vnto prayer, thoughte mete by the kynges maiestie, and his clergie, to be redde to the people in euery churche afore processions.

Also a Letanie

with suffrages to be sayd or songe in the tyme of the sayd processions.

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FOR AS MVCHE AS Prayer, is the very true meane, ordeyned of allmighty God, and taughte vs plainly in his holy word, wherby not onely we may, but also by goddis holy cõmandement be bounden to haue a recours and a refuge for helpe and aide of almighty god our heauenly father, not onely in all our necessities and tribulacions of this world, but also vniuersally in all our affayres and busynesses, what so euer shall befall vnto vs, or els what so euer thynge we shall enterprise or take in hand. And forasmuche also, as our father in hea-

uen of his mere mercye and infinite goodnes, hath bounden him selfe by his own free promyse, and certified vs of the same, by his owne sonne, our onely sauiour and lorde Christe Jesu, in his gospelle, that what so euer we shal aske of him, we shall haue it, so that we aske suche thynges, and in suche sort, as we ought to do. For these causes, good christen people, being thus grounded vpon the sure foundacion of goddes holye and blessed worde, which can not deceyue vs, We are here at this tyme gathered together, to make our commune prayer to oure heg-

heauenly father. But nowe good christen people, that by the true vse of prayer we may obteyne and enioye his gracious promise of aide, comfort, and consolacion in all oure affaires and necessities: two thinges concerning praier, ar specially to be lerned.

¶ The first is, to knowe, for what thynges we oughte to make our request and peticion in our praier. The secound is, in what wyse we shulde make our praier, in suche sorte as it maie be acceptably heard, and graciously graunted of oure heauenly father.

¶ As for the fyrst, we ought

ſtantly to aſke of our heauen ly father, his holy and bleſſed ſpirite, godly wiſdome, faithe, charitie, and to feare and dread hym, and that his holy name in all thynges, & euery where, through all the whole worlde, may be glorifyed, that his king dome may come vnto vs, that is to ſaye, that here he maye reigne in vs by the faythe of his welbeloued ſonne, our ſa- uiour Jeſu Chriſte, and after this life alſo to reigne in vs & ouer vs euerlaſtingly in glory. We ought to praie, that his bleſſed wyll maie be fulfylled here in this worlde emonges vs his mortall creatures, as

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it is of his immortall aungel-
les, and of all the holye com-
pany of the heauenly spirites.
We muste pray for our daiely
breade, that is, for our neces-
sary fode and sustenance both
of body and soule. Of body,
as meate, drynke, and neces-
sary apparrayle, peace, helth,
& what so euer god knoweth
to be necessary for the behofe
and conseruacion of the same,
that we maye do to our lorde
god true seruice therwith, e-
uery man in his state and vo-
cacion, whervnto god hathe
called hym. Of the soule, as
the word of god, and the true
knowelage of the same, the

true conuersacion of our hea-
uenly fathers holye and bles-
sed commaundementes, the
liuely breade of the blessed bo-
dy of our sauior Jesu Christe,
the holy and sacrate cuppe of
the precious and blessed blud,
whiche was shed for vs vpon
the crosse, to purchas vs par-
don and forgiuenes of our sin-
nes. Furthermore, we muste
praye for the forgyuenesse of
our sinnes, that our heauenly
father wyll be mercifull vnto
vs, and forgeue vs our sinnes
both many and great, wherby
we offende against his infinite
goodnesse, as we doe forgeue
the offences of theim that of-
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fend vs, whiche how great so euer they appere vnto vs, yet in comparison of the offences that we do agaynst god, they be bothe small and fewe. We must praie, that our heauenly father, suffer vs not to be led into temptacion: for without his continuall aide and protection, we are but weake and sone ouerthrowen. Our gostly ennemy is stronge, violent, fierse, subtyll, and excedynge cruell. And therfore we muste continually praie, with all instance, that in all his assaultes we maie be delyuered by the myghty hande of our heauenly father, from all euyll. Fy-

nally and before al thinge, as
ſaynte Paule exhorteth vs in
the fyrſt epiſtle to Timothe,
Let vs make our praiers and
ſupplicacions, rendring ꝛ ge-
uynge of thankes for all men,
ꝛ namely for kynges, princes,
and al other ſet in chief digni-
tie and high roumes that by
theyr godly gouernāce, their
true faythfull ꝛ dilygent exe-
cucion of iuſtice ꝛ equity vnto
all their ſubiectes, our heuen-
ly father may be glorified, the
common welthe may be dayly
promoted and increaſed, and
that we all, that are their ſub-
iectes, may lyue in peace and
quietenes, with al godlyneſſe
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and vertue, and our chrysten
princes and heades in vnitie
and concorde emonge theim
selues, euer callyng vpon their
heauenly father, whiche is the
kyng of all kynges, & the lorde
of al lordes, whiche shal iudge
without respecte of persone,
accordinge to euery mans do=
ing or workes, at whose hande
the weake shal take no wrong,
nor the myghty maye not by
any power escape his iuste
iudgement. That our princis
I say, thus calling vpon theyr
heauenly father for grace, may
euer in al their affayres be di=
rected and gouerned by the
holy spirite of god, and bothe
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rule, and be ruled, by his ho=
ly feare to their owne ende=
les ioy, comforte, and conso=
lacion, and to their owne euer
lasting saluacion, through our
sauiour Jesus Christ.

And here specially lette vs
pray for our mooste deere and
soueraygne lorde the Kinges
maiestie, who doth not onely
study and care daiely & houre=
ly for our prosperitie & welth,
but also spareth not to spende
his substaunce and treasure,
yea redy at all tymes to endan=
gier hym selfe for the tender
loue & fatherly zeale, that he
beareth towarde this his re=
alme, and the subiectes of the
same

ſame, who at this preſent time hath take vpon him the great and daungerous affayres of warre. Lte vs pray, that it may plese almighty god, lorde of hoſtes, in whose handes is only welth and victorie, mercifully to aſſyſt hym, ſendynge his holy aungel, to be his ſuccour, keper, and defender from all his aduerſaries, and frō all euils. Let vs pray for our brethern, that bende them ſelues to battayle for goddes cauſe and our defēce, that god may graunt them proſperous ſucceſſe, to oure comfort and the increaſe of his glory. Leat vs praye for our ſelues, that re-

maine at home, that almightie god defend vs from sinne, sikenes, derth and all other aduersities of body and soule.

¶ The second thyng to be lerned concernynge prayer, is to knowe, howe we shall make true prayer, so that it maie be graciously heard and mercyfully graunted of our heauenly father. Fyrst of all we must vpon cõsideration of our heauenly fathers mercy & goodnes towardes vs, and of his euerlastyng truth, and frepromise made vnto vs in his own holy worde, conceiue a ful affiãce hope and trust: and that without wauerynge or doubt-

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full mystrustyng, either in his truth, his goodnesse, or in his almighty power, certaynely assuryng our selfe, that bothe of his omnipotency, he maye do what so euer shal please his goodnes, and also for his infinite goodnesse and fatherly affection towarde vs, that he wol both here and graunte all oure lawfull and godly requestes, after that measure, sort, and degree, as he of his infinite & incomprehensible wisedome knoweth the thynge to be moste mete, most conuenient, and behofefull bothe for his own glory and honor, and for the profite, behofe, and cō-

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moditie of vs his children.

Furthermore also it is necessarily required to that, that our prayer may be acceptable vnto our heauenly father, to haue charitie and brotherlye loue betwyxte neighbour and neighbour, and toward al our euen christen. So Christe him selfe techeth vs, saying, whan you standde to pray, forgeue, if you haue anye displeasure against any personne, that your father, whiche is in heauen, may forgiue you. It is a true sayinge, that saint Augustine saith: there is no good fruite, no good dede, no good worke, whiche springeth not outeof

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the roote of charitee. And saint Paule teacherh plainly, that where as charitie lacketh nothyng can auayle vs.

And more ouer, we muste in oure praier beware of vaine glorie and prayse of man, outwardly shewyng a great pretence of holynesse, and beinge varne of true godlynesse inwardly, only to haue the commendacion of men before the worlde. For if we so do, we shall lose the rewarde and benefitte of our praier, as oure sauiour Christ saith his owne selfe. We must take hede also, that we thinke not the vertue of praier, to consiste in mul-

tiplyynge of many woordes, without faith and godly deuocion, thinkyng as the heathen doth, that for our many wordes, or muche speakynge, we shall be heard of our heauenly father, who soo euer doethe thinke so, he shall deceiue hym selfe, for god doth not regard neither the swete soũd of our voice, nor the greatte numbre of our wordes, but the ernest feruentnesse and true faithfull deuocion of our hertes. Finally we muste beware in our praier of that common pestilente infection, and venemfull poysone of all good prayer, that is to say, whã our mouth

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praieth, and our hertes praie not. Of the whiche the prophete Esai complaineth sore. And our sauiour in saint Mathewes gospel rebuketh the phariseis, for the same, sayng thus: O hypocrites, Esaie the prophet prophecied well vpon you, whan he said thus: This people draweth nyghe me with theyr lyppes, but their hartes are far from me, that is to say, they speke with their tungue and lippes, the wordes of praier, but in their herte, they mynde nothynge lesse than they speake, as that the goodnesse of the prayer stode in the outewarde spea-

kyng onely of the worde, and not in the inwarde, true, & faith full requeſt of the herte. And to the entente therfore youre hertes and lippes maie go to gither in praier, it is very conuenient, and much acceptable to god, that you ſhoulde vſe youre priuate praier in youre mother tungue, that you vnderſtandyng what you aſke of god, maie more ernestely and feruētly deſire the ſame, your hertes and mindes agreynge to your mouthe and wordes.

Wherfore lette vs eſchewe (good people) in our praiers, all the afore rehersed vices, for elles we ſhall not obteine

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our peticions, and requestes, but contrarie wise wee shall highly displese god, and greuously offend him. Therfore good christian brethern, seyng we are come togither to praie, let vs do it accordynge to our bounden duetie, and as it ought to be done. Lette vs truely praye with a faithfulle hert, and a sure affiance of our heuenly fathers infinite mercie, grace, and goodnesse: let vs make our praiers, beynge in loue and charitie with all and euery one of our neighebors, euer hauyng in our hert an ernest request & desire of those godly benefites, whiche

ar appointed in goddis word, that we shulde praie for, and yet not prescribing vnto god, either the time, place, measure, or degree of his graciouse benefittes, but wholly committyng our selues to his blessed will and pleasure, receiuyng in good worthe, and with thankes geuing, what so euer, and whan so euer it shall plese his gracious goodnesse to bestowe his gracious giftes vpon vs. Let vs also furnishe and beautifie this oure praier, that it maie please god the better, and delite the eares of oure heauenly father, with fastyng and holsome abstinence

ſtinence, not onely from al de-
licious liuyng in voluptuous
fare, and from all exceſſes of
meate and drinke, but alſo to
chaſtyſe and kylle the ſynfull
luſtes of the body, to make it
bowe and ready to obey vnto
the ſpirituall mocyons of the
holy goſte. Let vs alſo four-
niſhe it with almes dede, and
with the workes of mercy and
charitie. For praier is good
and acceptable vnto god, whā
it is accompanied with almes
deedes, and with the workes
of mercie, as the holy manne
Thobie ſaieth, with the whi-
che, and vſynge the vertues
afore reherſed, and alſo eſ-
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chewynge diligently the forsaied vices, our praiers shall be of muche price and value, as was the praiers of Hely, Daniel, and Moyses, before our heauenly father, and that for our sauiour Jesus Christes sake, whiche hath redeemed vs with his precyouse bloude, and hathe signed and sealed vp to euerlastyng lyfe. To whom bothe now and euer with his father and the holy goste, be glorie and honour without ende.

Amen.

AS THESE holy prayers and Suffrages folowinge, are sette furthe of moste godly zeale for edifying and stirrung of deuocion of all true faithfull christen hertes: so is it thoughte conuenient in this commune prayer of processi= on to haue it set furth and vsed in the vulgar tunge, for styrring the people to more deuocion: and it shall be euery christen mans parte reuerently to vse the same, to the honor and glory of almighty god, and the profite of their owne soules. And such amonge the people as haue bookes, and can reade, may reade them quietly and soft= ly to them selfe: and suche as can not reade, let them quietly and at= tentifely giue audience in tyme of

the laide prayers, hauynge theyr myndes erecte to almyghty god, and deuoutly prayying in their hertes, the same peticions which do entre in at their eares, so that with one sounde of the hert, and one accord, God may be glorified in his churche.

And it is to be remembred, that that whiche is printed in blacke letters, is to be sayde or songe of the priest with an audible voyce, that is to saye, soo loude and soo playnly, that it may wel be vnderstande of the hearers: And that which is in the redde, is to be answered of the quiere soberly and deuoutely.

O GOD the father of heauen, haue mercie vpon vs miserable syn=ners.

O god the father of heuen, haue mercie vpon vs miserable synners.

O god, the sonne, redeemer of the worlde, haue mercie vpon vs miserable synners.

O god, the sonne, redeemer of the worlde, haue mercie vpon vs miserable synners.

O god, the holy goste, proceedyng from the father and the sonne, haue mercie vppon vs miserable synners.

O god the holy goste, proceedynge from the father and

O holy, blessed, and glorious trinitie, thre persons and one god, haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

Holy Virgin Mary, mother of god our sauior Jesu Christ

All holy angels and archangelles, and all holy orders of blessed spirites,

All holy patriarkes, and prophetes, apostelles, martyrs

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thy honour and glory.

We beseeche the to heare vs good lorde.

That it may please the to be his defendour and keper, gyuynge hym the victorye ouer all his ennemies,

We beseeche the to heare vs good lorde,

That it maye please the to keepe our noble queene CATHERYNE in thy fere & loue, geuing hir increase of al godlines, honour, and chyldren,

We beseeche the to here vs good lorde,

That it maie please the to kepe and defende oure noble pryncE EDVVARDE, and all

the kinges maiesties childre,

That it may please the to il-
luminate al bishops pastours
and ministers of the churche,
with true knowelage and vn-
derstanding of thy word, and
that bothe by their preching
and liuing, they maie sette
forth & shewe it accordingly,

That it may please the to en-
due the lordes of the coũsail,
& all the nobilitie with grace,
wisedome, and vnderstanding,

That it maie pleaſe the to bleſſe & kepe the magiſtrates, geuing theim grace to execute iuſtice, and to maintein truth,

That it maie pleaſe the to bleſſe and kepe al thy people,

That it maie pleaſe the to geue to al naciõs vnitie peace and concorde.

That it may pleſe the to geue vs an herte to loue and dread the, and diligently to liue after thy commandementes.

We beseeche the to here vs good lorde.

That it maie please the to geue all thy people increase of grace, to heare meekelye thy worde, and to receiue it with pure affection, and to bryng forth the frutes of the spirite,

We beseeche the to heare vs good lorde.

That it maie please the to bryng into the way of trueth, all such as haue erred, and are deceiued,

We beseeche the to heare vs good lorde.

That it maie please the to strengthen such as do stande, & to comfort & helpe the weake hert

herted, and to raise vp them that fall, and finally to beate downe Satan vnder our fete,

We beseche the to heare vs good lorde.

That it maie please the to succour helpe and comfort all that be in daungier necessitie and tribulacion,

We beseche the to heare vs good lorde.

That it may plese the to preserue al that trauaile by lande or by water, all women labouryng of childe, al sicke persons and yong children, & to shewe thy pitie vpon all prisoners & captiues.

We beseeche the to heare vs good

Goodlorde

That it may pleaſe the to defende and prouide for the fatherleſſe children and widowes, and all that be deſolate and oppreſſed,

We beſeche the to heare vs goodlorde

That it maie pleaſe the to haue mercie vpon all men.

We beſeche the to heare vs goodlorde.

That it maie pleaſe the to forgeue our ennemies perſecutours and ſclanderours, and to tourne their hertes.

We beſeche the to heare vs goodlorde.

That it maie pleaſe the to

geue to our vse the kindly frutes of the earthe, so as in due time we may enioy them: and to preserue them,

We beseche the to heare vs goodlord.

That it may please the to giue vs true repentance, to forgeue vs all our sinnes, negligences and ignorances, and to endue vs with the grace of thy holy spirite, to amend our liues accordyng to thy holy worde.

We beseche the to heare vs goodlorde.

O lambe of god, we besech the to heare vs.

Lambe of god we besech the to heare vs.

O lambe of god, that takest away the sinnes of the worlde,
Graunt vs thy peace.

O lambe of god, that takest away the synnes of the worlde.
Haue mercy vpon vs.

O Christ heare vs.
Christ heare vs.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs.
Lord haue mercy vpon vs.

Christ haue mercy vpon vs.
Christe haue mercy vpon vs.

Lorde haue mercy vpon vs.
Lorde haue mercy vpon vs.

Our father whiche art in heauen. with the residue of the pater noster.

And suffer vs not to be led into temptacion.

But deliuer vs from euyll.
Amen.

The virsicle.

O lord, deale not with vs after our synues.

The aunswere.

Neither rewarde vs after our iniquities.

Let vs pray.

O GOD, merciful father, that dyspyseſt not the ſighynge of a cuntrite herte, nor the deſire of ſuche as be ſorowful, mercifully aſſiſt our prayers, that we make before the in all our troubles and aduerſities, whan ſo euer they oppreſſe vs. And graciouſely heare vs. that thoſe e-

uyls which the craft and subtiltie of the deuil or man worketh againste vs, be broughte to nought, and by the prouidence of thy goodneſſe, they may be diſperſed, that we thy ſeruantes, being hurte by no perſecutions, maie euermore geue thankes vnto the, in thy holy churche, thorough Jeſu Chriſte our lorde.

O god, we haue hearde with oure eares, and oure fathers haue declared vnto vs the noble workes that thou dyddeſt in their daies, and in the olde tyme before them.

O lorde, arise, helpe vs and deliuer vs for thy names sake.

Glorie to the father, the son, and to the holy goste, as it hath ben from the beginninge, is and shalbe euer world with out ende. Amen.

From our ennemies defende vs O Christ.

Graciously looke vpon oure afflictions.

Pitifully beholde the dolour of our herte.

Mercifully forgeue the synnes of the people.

Fauorably with mercie here our prayers.

O sonne of Dauid haue mercie vpon vs.

Othe

Be othe now and euer vouche safe to here vs Christe.

Graciously heare vs, O Christe, Graciously here vs O lorde Christe.

The versicle.

O lorde, lette thy mercie be shewed vpon vs.

The answere.

As we do put our truste in thee.

Let vs praie.

WE humbly beseeche the, O father, mercifully to loke vpō our infirmities, and for the glorie of thy name sake, turne frome vs all those euilles, that we most rightuously haue deser-

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ued. Graunt this O lorde god for our mediatour & aduocate Jesu Christ sake. Amen.

O GOD, whose nature and propretie is euer to haue mercie and to forgeue, receiue our humble petition, and thoughe we be tied & bounde with the chaine of our synnes: yet lette the pitifullnesse of thy gret mercy leuse vs, for the honoure of Jesus Christes sake our mediatour and aduocate. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and euerliuyng god, which onely workest greate mer-

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uailes, sende downe vpon our bisshops and curates, and all congregacions committed to their charge, the healthefull spirite of thy grace, and that they maie truely please the: poure vpon them the contynuall dewe of thy blessynge. Graunt this (O lord) for the honour of our aduocate and mediatour Jesu Christ. Amē.

WE beseeche the, o lord to shewe vppon vs thine exceedyng great mercie, whiche no tungue can worthily expresse, and that it maie please the to deliuer vs from all our synnes, and also frome

from the paines, that we haue for them deserued. Graunte this, O lorde, throughe oure mediatour and aduocate Iesu Christe.

GRaunt, we beseche the, O almyghty god, that we, in oure trouble put our hole confidence vpon thy mercy, that we may agaynste all aduersitie be defended vnder thy protection. Graunte this, O lord god, for our mediatoure and aduocate Iesu Christes sake.

ALMYGHTY god, whiche hast geuē vs grace at this tyme with one accord

accorde to make our commune
supplycacions vnto the, and
dost promise, that whā two o
thre be gatherid in thy name,
thou wilt graunt their reque
stes: fulfil nowe, O lorde, the
desyres and peticions of thy
seruantes, as may be most ex
pedient for them, granting vs
in this worlde knowelage o
thy trueth, & in the worlde t
come life euerlastyng. Amen.

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